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## A Personal Word from Robert

Over 54,000 meals. 10,800 nights of shelter. Thousands of hours of counseling, education and Bible study.

There are lots of numbers here at the Mission, but the most important number is one.

One person rescued from homelessness. One life saved from the horrors of addiction. One man or woman returned to a family who needs them.

But perhaps the best “one” of all is one soul committed to Christ.

As the hymn says, “I am one with Thee, Lord Jesus, One in spirit now with Thee; All Thyself I now possess, Lord, All Thou art now lives in me.”

Etienna is one of the people whose lives you’ve helped change. You’ll find her amazing story in this issue of *Rescue Review*.

Thanks to your donations, your prayers and your time, lives like Etienna’s are changed here every day – one at a time!

Serving with you,

Robert Probst  
Interim CEO

## “God Wants Me to Help Others Who Are Homeless!”

Etienna’s struggle with homelessness began over 11 years ago. Stressed and depressed, taking prescription medications that weren’t working for her, she began “self-medicating” with alcohol.

This only served to worsen her depression, taking her into what she now describes as “a huge black hole.” It was there that she encountered and became addicted to “meth,” a drug associated with depression, suicide, heart disease and violent behavior.

Etienna went from being a single mom in a five-bedroom house to

an addict who wandered from place to place “lost and caught up in this mess called homelessness.”

**“God brought me to this place!”**

Wandering the streets of Long Beach, searching for shelter, Etienna was referred to the Mission’s Lydia House by a woman at a local Methodist church. And it was in our New Life Program where she learned that God really did have a purpose for her life!

Today, Etienna is back in touch with both her son and daughter. “I found a place where I’m back in a relationship with God and **surrounded by people who love me and keep encouraging me.**”

After Etienna graduated, she made a commitment to help others. She has earned an advanced Christian Life Coaching Certificate from Light University and is a full-time student at Long Beach City College, with a focus in Human Services. She is also working as the live-in House Attendant at a pregnant women’s shelter. Etienna is very grateful for all that God has done in her life.



## Hidden Treasures & Great Bargains

At 110 East Anaheim is one of Long Beach's best kept secrets: The Mission's New Life Treasures Thrift Store.

We have special sales at our warehouse, at 702 East Anaheim, each month. Check [www.LBRM.org](http://www.LBRM.org) for dates.

**Drop off or shop.**



For your shopping pleasure, we're open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Donations are tax deductible, and all proceeds benefit those served by the Mission.

To have your donated items picked up, please call (562) 591-1292, ext. 199.

## Leadership Prayer Breakfast

Please join us on Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency for the Greater Long Beach

Leadership Prayer Breakfast.

This year's keynote speaker will be John C. Reynolds, Executive Vice President of Azusa Pacific University.

Tickets are just \$40 per person. Tables of 10 are \$400, including program recognition.

Visit [www.LBPrayer.com](http://www.LBPrayer.com) to purchase tickets or call (562) 591-1292 for more information.



## Schedule a Tour!

Tours of the Mission are held every second Thursday of the month. Call (562) 591-1292 for more information.

## Follow us



## Make This the Month YOU Make a Difference!

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."* The Mission is always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to lend a hand in all areas:

- Help prepare and serve a meal
- Lend a hand at Lydia House working with women & children
- Work in the office
- Teach a life skill or small group Bible class
- Preach or sing at a chapel service
- Mentor a man or woman in our New Life Program
- Organize a food drive to benefit the Mission



For more information, call or e-mail our Volunteer Supervisor, Mario Galeano, at (562) 216-7610 or [mgaleano@lbrm.org](mailto:mgaleano@lbrm.org).

## Backpack + Supplies = SUCCESS

It's hard to believe there are children whose parents can't afford a few pencils and notebooks, some crayons, glue sticks, markers and a package of colored pencils.

But the truth is, there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, right here in the greater Long Beach area.



These middle school children and their families often struggle just to pay the bills and put food on the table once or twice a day. Buying school supplies that may cost \$50 or more for each child is just out of reach!

Through our Back-to-School Backpack Drive, you can bring smiles to children's faces and hope to their families who are struggling to survive.

Just fill a new backpack with the items on the enclosed shopping list. Or include a special gift with your donation this month, and we'll buy and fill a backpack for you.

## Supporting Mothers

Last December, Lydia House started a support group for mothers who stay with us. The group meets every other Friday at 10:00 a.m. and it is going strong!

Many of the women in the group are opening up, being blessed by the Word of God, sharing their stories and simply being encouraged while going through the challenges of life in a shelter.



Please continue to lift these women and their children up in prayer as they work to change their lives.

## "Summertime and the Livin' Is Easy..."

That old song from *Porgy and Bess* may be a classic, but it certainly doesn't reflect what happens here at the Mission!

**If anything, summer is our most difficult time.**

First, there are fewer donations. It's not that people forget those in need, they just have other things on their minds. Meanwhile, there's not much drop off in the number of people we feed and shelter. If anything, numbers increase as the days, and nights, grow

hotter and more unbearable.

Your gift today will go a long way toward providing those who are hungry and homeless with 54,000 meals and more than 10,800 nights of shelter in the next 90 days...along with the compassion and Christian care that can truly help turn their lives around.

You can make a safe, secure donation online at [www.LBRM.org](http://www.LBRM.org). Or use the enclosed envelope. Then, **enjoy your summer, knowing that you've helped those most in need.**